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REF: A) RABAT 1306, B) NAVCOMMSTA SIDI YAHIA 112235Z APR 77,
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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL A, KING HASSAN GAVE US GREEN LIGHT ON
MARCH 14 FOR GEODSS TEAM TO CONDUCT DETAILED SITE SURVEY IN
MOROCCO. WE ARE STILL AWAITING WORD FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS
SURVEY.

2. MEANWHILE, WE UNDERSTAND GOM, IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS
FOR CLOSURE OF U.S. NAVAL FACILITIES, IS PRESENTLY FOCUSING
PRIMARILY ON ITS FUTURE PLANS FOR SIDI YAHIA. (LAND AT SIDI
YAHIA IS, OF COURSE, SCHEDULED TO REVERT TO GOM BY DECEMBER 31,
1977, WELL BEFORE KENITRA AND BOUKNADEL BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978).
THUS, IF USG HAS ANY THOUGHT OF INSTALLING GEODSS AT SIDI YAHIA,
WE SHOULD INFORM GOM BEFORE IT HAS TAKEN FIRM DECISIONS ON
UTILIZATION OF SIDI YAHIA FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES.

3. WHETHER OR NOT SIDI YAHIA IS CHOSEN AS SITE FOR GEODSS, WE
RECOMMEND THAT SITE SURVEY BE COMPLETED WITHOUT DELAY SO THAT
GOM CAN BE PROVIDED OUR DESIRES IN A TIMELY MANNER.

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